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State Historical Society bringing Wilbur Foss & SD Old Time Fiddlers to Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. –Wilbur Foss and the “South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers” will play in Pierre on Sunday, Oct. 30, sponsored by the South Dakota State Historical Society.

The free concert is at 2 p.m. CDT at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, at 123 N. Highland Ave.

A fourth-generation fiddler, the 90-year-old Foss started playing the fiddle at age 55. He was a driving force behind the “SD Old Time Fiddlers” who hold an annual Old Time Fiddle Contest and Jamboree.

Foss, of Scotland, was recently inducted into the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the South Dakota Hall of Fame, the South Dakota Fiddlers Hall of Fame, the Eastern Arizona Fiddlers Hall of Fame and the National Traditional Country Music Hall of Fame.

Foss donated a number of vinyl records, cassettes, and CDs to the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives in 2006 and 2011.

October is “Archives Month” in South Dakota and the event offers an opportunity to raise awareness about the value of archives and archivists. The State Historical Society has had several activities throughout the month.

The State Historical Society-Archives is located in the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The State Archives is open Monday through Friday and the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Contact the archives by phone at (605) 773-3804 or email archref@state.sd.us

Caption: Wilbur Foss, right, and the SD Old Time Fiddlers will be playing at the First Congregational Church of Christ (123 N. Highland Ave.) on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society’s world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.